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BUT, CAROL, DARLING... YOU *KNOW* I LOVE YOU! WHY WON'T YOU LET YOURSELF LOVE *ME*, TOO?

PLEASE, BRUCE... DON'T ASK ME, JUST GO... IF YOU LOVE ME... GO!

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I LIVED IN THE WORLD OF MY IMAGINATION... A DREAMY PLACE OF ROMANCE AND LOVE, PEOPLED BY IDEALISTIC, HANDSOME YOUNG MEN, ALL CREATED BY ME OVER MY TYPEWRITER! YES, I WAS A WRITER OF POPULAR ROMANCE STORIES FOR A BIG MAGAZINE AND GOOD AT IT, TOO! BUT... I NEVER FOUND LOVE MYSELF BECAUSE NO ONE I MET MEASURED UP TO MY IDEAL OF MEN AS I CREATED THEM! I NEVER KNEW WHAT IT WAS LIKE...

When you're in love

HEY, MADGE... YOU GONNA SPEND YOUR WHOLE LIFE PECKIN' AT THAT TYPE-WRITER? WHY DON'T YOU LET ME HELP YOU LIVE A LITTLE?

GET AWAY FROM ME, RED BARLOW! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO! THIS STORY IS DUE NEXT WEEK!

COLLETTA--

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I'D KNOWN RED ALL MY LIFE! HE WAS NICE BUT HE DIDN'T MATCH THE BOYS AND MEN I WROTE ABOUT! HE DIDN'T HAVE CLASS, AS YOU CAN SEE...

AND I'M DUE FOR A KISS! HOW ABOUT IT?

GET AWAY, I SAID! DON'T BE SO CRUDE!

BUT RED WAS BIG AND STRONG AND WHEN HE MADE UP HIS MIND TO DO SOMETHING, HE DID IT...

SORRY TO BE SO ROUGH, HONEY! BUT YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU!

WELL, I DON'T FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT YOU, RED!

WHO DO YOU FEEL ANYTHING FOR... THOSE SILLY DUDES YOU'RE WRITING ABOUT ALL THE TIME? THEY DON'T EXIST! THEY'RE ONLY IN YOUR MIND!

ONE DAY I WILL MEET ONE JUST LIKE THOSE I WRITE ABOUT!

YOU NEVER DATE ANYBODY BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO IDEALISTIC! WELL, REAL MEN AREN'T LIKE THOSE NAMBY-PAMBIES YOU MAKE UP... SO YOU'LL *NEVER* FALL IN LOVE! GOOD-BYE!

GOOD-BYE, RED!

NO, RED WAS FAR FROM MY IDEAL... BUT WOULD I EVER FIND SOMEONE WHO COULD EVER COME CLOSE? RED WAS RIGHT IN ONE THING... I WOULD NEVER KNOW LOVE!

WHAT'S THE USE? THE ONLY LOVE I'LL KNOW, IS THE KIND I WRITE ABOUT!

I HAD BEEN WRITING ROMANCE STORIES EVEN DURING HIGH SCHOOL DAYS AND SELLING THEM TO "ROMANTIC TALES"... BUT I WAS OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL A YEAR ALREADY, AND STILL HAD TO LIVE EVEN ONE MOMENT OF REAL LOVE! HOWEVER, I EARNED GOOD MONEY FOR MY FOLKS, AND THAT HELPED!

IT KEEPS ME FROM GETTING TOO LONELY...

IT'S FOR YOU, DEAR! NEW YORK CALLING!

MISS MADGE BANNISTER? THIS IS ROGER KRAMM, YOUR EDITOR AT "ROMANTIC TALES"... CAN YOU COME IN FOR A STORY CONFERENCE? WE'RE CHANGING OUR POLICY AND I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT PERSONALLY!

OF COURSE, MR. KRAMM... I'LL FLY OUT IN THE MORNING!

SO AT LAST YOU'RE GOING TO MEET ROGER KRAMM FACE-TO-FACE! HE MUST BE AN OLD GROUCH, JUDGING BY THE WAY HE CRITICIZES YOUR STORIES!

I GUESS SO! STILL, HE'S THE BEST EDITOR IN NEW YORK!

I FLEW OUT THE NEXT DAY AND WALKED INTO THE OFFICE OF THE MAGAZINE THAT HAD BEEN BUYING MY STORIES FOR THREE YEARS! AT LAST I WAS TO MEET GROUCHY, OLD ROGER KRAMM FACE-TO-FACE, BUT...

OOOH! GOSH, I'M SORRY!

THERE I WAS FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE HANDSOMEST MAN I'D EVER SEEN AND HIS EYES LIT UP WHEN HE SAW ME, TOO...

I WAS IN A BIG HURRY! YOU SEE, I'VE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET AN OLD, SPINSTER LADY-WRITER AND I WANTED TO BUY HER A GIFT...

I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT, TOO... IN THERE! WILL YOU EXCUSE ME, PLEASE!

OH, YOU'RE GOING IN THERE? WHO'S THE LUCKY GUY YOU'RE SEEING? I WORK THERE, I MUST KNOW HIM!

OH, JUST OLD MR. ROGER KRAMM! AND AM I AFRAID OF MEETING HIM, THE OLD GROUCH!

IS THAT SO? WELL I HAPPEN TO BE THAT "OLD GROUCH", MISS...?

YOU'RE ROGER KRAMM? OH! I'M SORRY... I... I... I'M MADGE BANNISTER!

MADGE BANNISTER? WHY, YOU'RE THE "OLD SPINSTER" I WAS BUYING THE GIFT FOR! THE LAUGH'S ON BOTH OF US, I GUESS!

AT LEAST WE CAN START OFF EVEN AS TO OUR IDEAS ABOUT EACH OTHER!

WELL, NEVER MIND MEETING IN THAT STUFFY OFFICE! HOW ABOUT LUNCH?

LOVE IT! BUT YOU'RE SO YOUNG TO BE SUCH A BIG EDITOR, MR. KRAMM!

OH, CALL ME ROGER! AND YOU'RE SO YOUNG TO BE SUCH A GOOD WRITER... AND SO PRETTY, TOO!

THANK YOU, ROGER! YES, I'M YOUNG, I GUESS, BUT I IMAGINE WHAT LOVE CAN BE WHEN I WRITE ABOUT IT!

YOU MEAN YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE? WHY NOT? YOU'RE VERY ATTRACTIVE!

IT'S BECAUSE I'VE NEVER MET MY IDEAL... THE KIND OF BOY I WRITE ABOUT! AND I DON'T THINK I EVER WILL! SO I GUESS I NEVER WILL FALL IN LOVE!

ROGER, THOUGH HE WASN'T MY IDEAL EITHER, WAS A LOT OF FUN TO BE WITH AND HE ASKED ME OUT ON DATES EVERY NIGHT DURING OUR STORY CONFERENCES...

THEN ONE NIGHT... ROGER HAD ASKED ME WHAT SORT OF MAN MY IDEAL WAS...

OH... SOMEONE VERY POETIC AND ROMANTIC... LIKE A KNIGHT ON A WHITE CHARGER! SOFT, TENDER, AND ALWAYS KIND... NEVER UPSETTING... STEADY AND RELIABLE...

YOU'RE ASKING FOR AN AWFUL LOT IN A MERE MORTAL MAN, MADGE!

AND THEN HE KISSED ME FOR THE FIRST TIME! WAS IT THE NIGHT... OR NEW YORK... OR THE FACT THAT I HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT MY IDEAL? ANYWAY, IT WAS HEAVEN! A KISS MEANT SOMETHING TO ME FOR THE FIRST TIME!

I TURNED AWAY FROM HIM, DAZED AND CONFUSED...

OH, NO, ROGER! DON'T!

WHY NOT? DON'T YOU LIKE ME TO KISS YOU? YOU DO... I CAN TELL... AND DO YOU KNOW HOW I CAN TELL?

BECAUSE I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU, DARLING, AND I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU! I KNOW YOU'RE STILL CLINGING TO YOUR IDEAL BUT...

OH, ROGER, DARLING! I THINK I LOVE YOU, TOO!

SINCE THAT FIRST DAY WHEN WE BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER, I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT ANYONE ELSE! DARLING, THAT *IS* LOVE, ISN'T IT?

THAT'S THE IDEA! LET'S TEST IT ONCE MORE, SHALL WE?

AND THIS TIME WHEN HE KISSED ME, I WAS SURE! MY IDEAL HAD JUST BEEN SOMETHING I MADE UP! IT WASN'T REAL! BUT ROGER WAS REAL, ALL RIGHT... VERY REAL INDEED!

WE WERE MARRIED SOON AFTER! OH, YES, I STILL WRITE, BUT NO MORE STORIES FOR ME...

I'M LEAVING FOR THE OFFICE, DEAR! GOT YOUR "ADVICE ON LOVE AND MARRIAGE" READY?

HERE IT IS!

I WAS THE EXPERT ON LOVE AND MARRIAGE, AND WHO WAS BETTER QUALIFIED THAN I WITH WHAT I HAD LEARNED... THAT THE ONE AND ONLY MAN A GIRL FALLS IN LOVE WITH REALLY IS HER *IDEAL* AFTER ALL!

The End

BY THE SEA

I WAS still in a bad temper when I came out of the water and flopped down on the beach towel. I hoped a swim would buoy up my spirits, but it only made me unhappier. A young man seated on a mat next to me was eating popcorn and I could hear the crunch of his strong white teeth. Occasionally he tossed a kernel up into the air and I found the gesture most annoying. Hopefully, I looked around the beach but it was just as crowded everywhere.

Snapping off my bathing cap, I threw it on the towel. Then, slowly, I scrunched my feet in the sand to dry them off and laid down to face the sun. The young man was still tossing popcorn in that dreamy way, but I had to admit he was handsome.

The sun was warm and tingling and made me think of all the warm summer days gone by when I was a kid. White fluffy clouds high up in the sky built themselves into sandcastles, and I longed for the dimly remembered pleasure of digging in cold wet sand. "Dreaming again!" I scolded myself objectively. If I had an ounce of brains in my head, now that I was twenty-one, it was time I stopped day dreaming! But ten minutes on a beach made all my resolutions dissolve, and blooey, I'd go dreaming again!

Even now I could still recall the terrible shock I experienced when I learned that my father had sold our summer cottage — the place I had loved most of all. His business had gone bad that year when I was twelve and we had moved to the city permanently. But I had never forgotten.

I remembered its peacefulness . . . the spears of cut-grass like a fringe of hair on the dunes . . . the flat, smooth shore glistening with the wetness of waves . . . the sparkle of sunlight on the water that became a myriad of silver-shining coins in the evening . . . the sad, swirling cry of a passing gull . . . the crackling, smokey fire . . . "franks" roasting in the dusk . . . and the cottage, hushed and sheltered beneath the sighing canopy of tall, dark pines!

I sighed! All of that was gone, perhaps forever. Now there were only the weekends at the beach where you had to search endlessly to find an open patch to spread out your towel. Where sand was kicked in your face and where there was always the danger of a ball hitting you in the stomach or someone accidentally kicking you in the shins. And from somewhere close by would be the noisy baseball game on a radio and everywhere people chomping, sipping and eating. I felt I could scream, but each weekend I would dream of the cottage I vowed I would someday buy like the other I had known. Yet would it ever come true?

"Oh, grow up!" I scolded myself again, brushing the dry sand from my legs.

"Have some popcorn," the young man said, as he offered the box across to me.

I took one. The buttery kernel went into my mouth and with it a generous sprinkling of sand. I realized it all too late as I began to cough.

Leaping to my side, the young man gave me a hearty pat on the back and my coughing stopped immediately.

"All right, now?" he asked.

"Much better," I said, feeling rather ridiculous. "Thank you."

"I'm very sorry," he apologized.

"Oh, but it wasn't the popcorn," I explained. "Some sand must have been on my fingers."

"Then you won't be afraid to take another chance!" he said.

"Not a bit!" I answered, laughing.

"Good," he replied. "There's nothing more lonely than eating popcorn by oneself."

For a while we ate quietly. He was wearing white ducks and a jacket, but his feet were bare and deeply browned as if he came to the beach frequently.

"You swim very well," he remarked at last, letting me know he had watched me out in the surf.

"I suppose it's because I love it so," I answered. "Sometimes I come with a group of girls, but I prefer coming alone."

"Anti-social, or something?" he asked.

"Oh, no," I replied. "It's just that the beach means more to

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The Farmer's Daughter

I'D BE PROUD TO BE YOUR HUSBAND, ELLEN, AND I'D TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU!

I KNOW YOU WOULD, GEORGE!

BORN AND RAISED ON AN OLD-FASHIONED FARM, I HAD DEFINITE IDEAS ABOUT MY FUTURE, AND MARRIAGE WAS TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN IT! IT OFFERED A CHANCE TO GET AWAY FROM THE FARM... TO LIVE IN TOWN! TO ENJOY A KIND OF LIFE I HAD ALWAYS DREAMED OF, BUT NEVER KNEW...

Jay Scott Pike

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WE'D GET A HOUSE IN TOWN, LIKE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED! HOW DOES THAT SOUND?

WONDERFUL... JUST HEAVENLY!

BUT I'D LIKE TO THINK ABOUT IT JUST A LITTLE LONGER! YOU DON'T MIND, GEORGE?

NO, ELLEN! NOT IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT!

SO WE KISSED GOOD NIGHT BENEATH THE STARS, AND I THOUGHT MYSELF ONE OF THE LUCKIEST GIRLS IN THE COUNTY...

THE FOLLOWING MORNING I TOLD MOM AND DAD THE NEWS...

GEORGE IS A FINE BOY, ELLEN, AND THAT HARDWARE STORE OF HIS IS DOING WELL!

MAYBE SO, BUT DO YOU LOVE HIM, ELLEN?

WELL, HE'S VERY NICE, MOTHER! HE'S KIND, THOUGHTFUL, GENEROUS AND HE'D MAKE A WONDERFUL HUSBAND!

NO DOUBT, ONLY YOU STILL HAVEN'T ANSWERED MY QUESTION!

MOTHER WAS RIGHT... I HADN'T ANSWERED HER QUESTION, AND NOW I WONDERED WHY...

YOU CAN GROW TO LOVE SOMEONE IN TIME!

BESIDES, GEORGE CAN GIVE ME WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED! THE TOWN LIFE... A LIFE FREE OF THESE CHORES...

AND THEN, ONLY A FEW DAYS LATER, BILL COURTNEY RETURNED FROM AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE...

YOU REMEMBER BILL, DON'T YOU, ELLEN?

IT'S FOUR YEARS, MR. TAYLOR! I GUESS WE'VE BOTH GROWN UP... RIGHT, ELLEN?

YES, WE HAD BOTH GROWN UP! BILL WAS A MAN NOW, AND A VERY HANDSOME ONE TOO...

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU WORE PIGTAILS AND HAD FRECKLES ACROSS YOUR NOSE!

AND YOU USED TO CALL ME "SKINNY"!

THERE'S A SQUARE DANCE AT THE BAKER'S PLACE TOMORROW EVENING! WON'T YOU COME WITH ME... FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE?

WELL, I... ALL RIGHT! FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE!

IT TURNED OUT TO BE REAL FUN, AND BILL WAS A WONDERFUL PARTNER...

I DIDN'T THINK I'D REMEMBER ANY OF THE STEPS!

I SUPPOSE THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS WE NEVER FORGET!

AND *YOU'RE* ONE OF THEM, ELLEN! I'VE NEVER REALLY FORGOTTEN YOU, AND NOW SEEING YOU AGAIN...

YOU MUSTN'T, BILL! IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS... WE'RE PRACTICALLY STRANGERS!

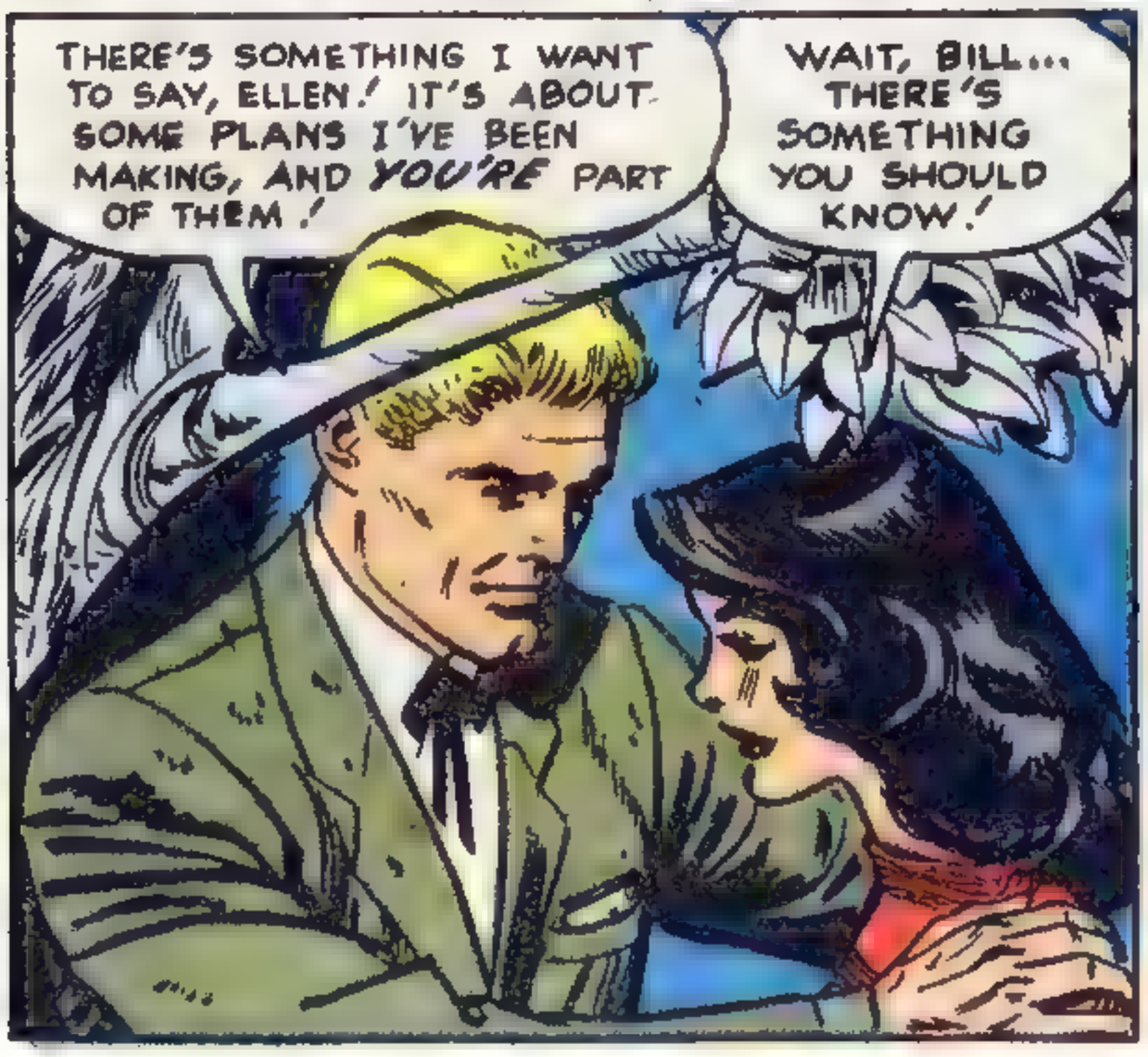
SQUAR

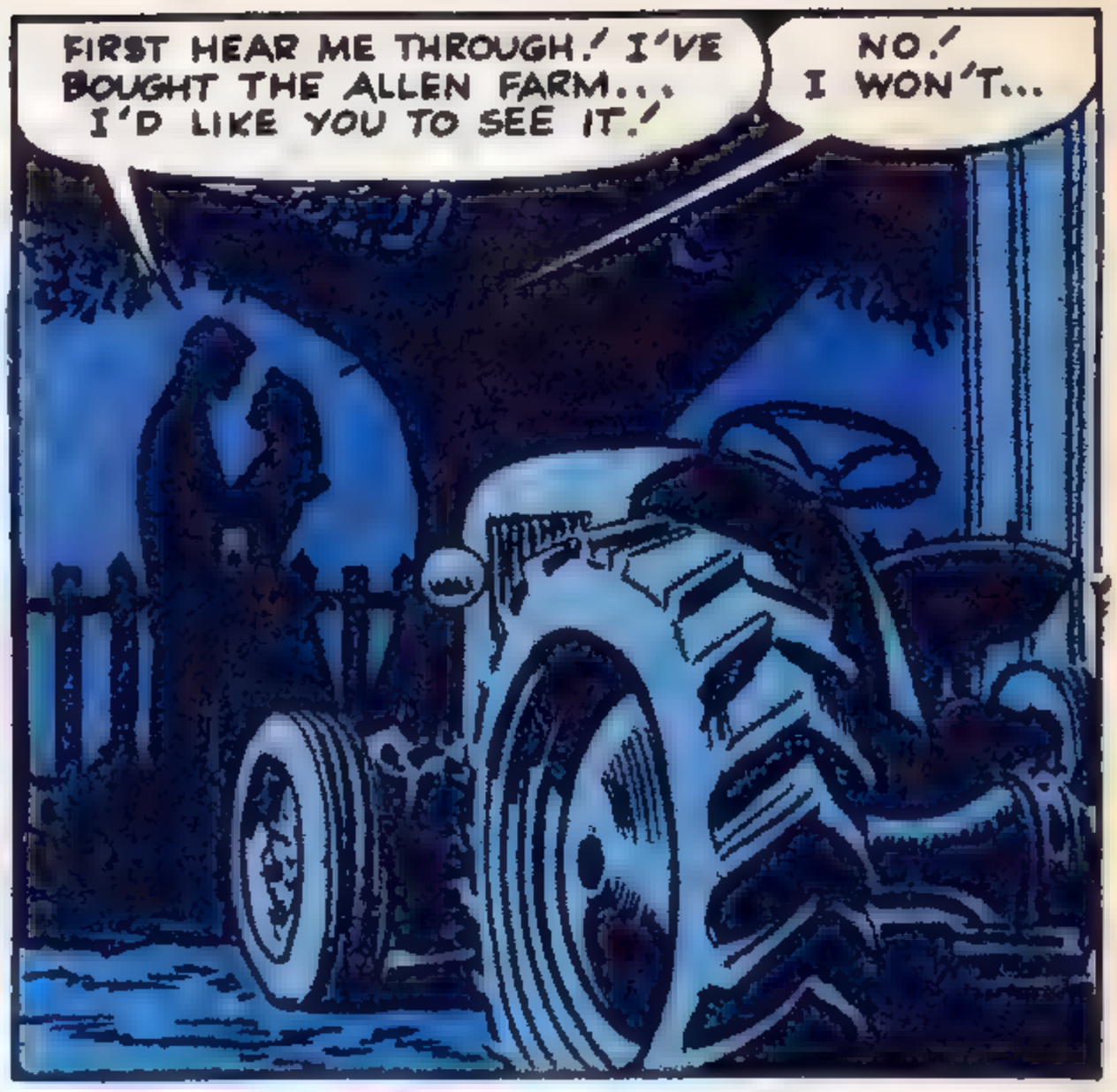
THAT NIGHT I COULD SCARCELY SLEEP! I WAS CONFUSED, ALL MIXED UP...

WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN? WHY DID BILL HAVE TO COME BACK NOW?

BUT I *DID* HAVE A WONDERFUL EVENING! AND I *DID* ENJOY HIS COMPANY... SO VERY MUCH!

As the weeks passed I saw more of Bill and less of George...and then, one night...

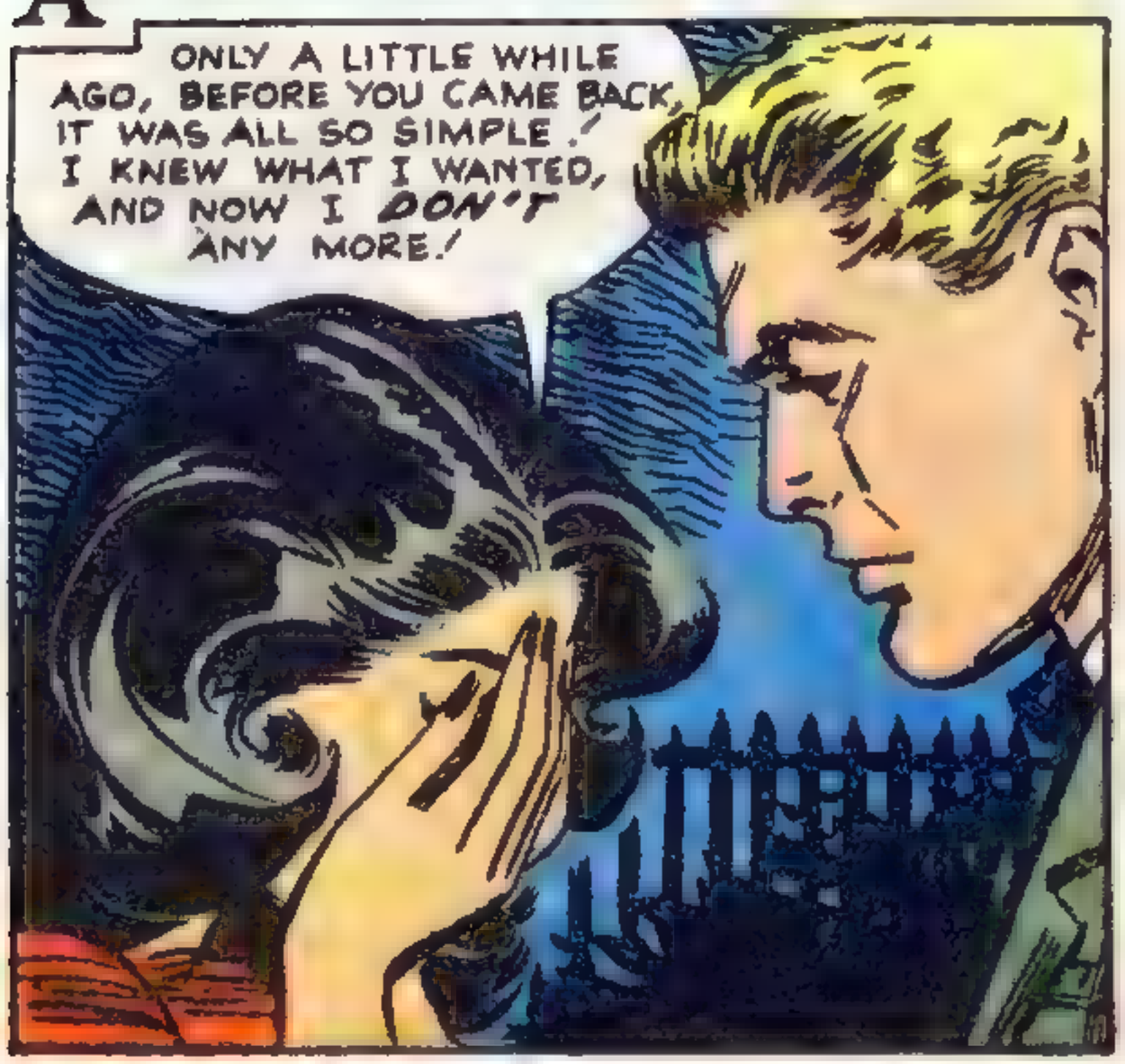

There's something I want to say, Ellen! It's about some plans I've been making, and YOU'RE part of them!
Wait, Bill... there's something you should know!



I've had my share of farms, the endless chores, the work that never ends! I knew it would come to this! I never should have gone on seeing you!
You don't mean that, Ellen!

I tried to go on, but the tears made it impossible! Then he swept me into his arms, and our lips met...

And when he gently released me...



I CAME HERE TONIGHT HOPING TO GET YOUR ANSWER, AND I *HAVE*.! YOU DON'T LOVE ME, ELLEN... AND WITHOUT LOVE A MARRIAGE IS MEANINGLESS! GOOD-BYE... AND THE BEST OF LUCK.!

HE MUST HAVE LOVED YOU... VERY MUCH.!

YES... AND ALL ALONG I KNEW I COULDN'T RETURN IT...

GEORGE WAS AN ESCAPE FROM THE DRUDGERY OF FARM LIFE I HAD ALWAYS KNOWN.! BUT IT'S *YOU* I LOVE, BILL, AND I'LL MAKE YOUR LIFE MINE.!

AND IT *WON'T* BE A "DRUDGERY".!

THEN, ONLY A WEEK BEFORE OUR WEDDING, BILL GAVE ME THE GREATEST SURPRISE OF ALL...

WELL, HERE'S THE SURPRISE I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT.! OUR HOME, DARLING.!

OH, BILL.!

AND WHEN WE WENT INSIDE...

YOU'VE DONE THE WHOLE PLACE OVER.!

YOU'LL HAVE NONE OF THE OLD FARM CHORES.! REMEMBER, I'VE BEEN TRAINED AS A SCIENTIFIC FARMER.!

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE PERFECT.! I HAD A BEAUTIFUL HOME, AND AS BILL SAID, I WAS THROUGH WITH THE CHORES THAT HAD MADE FARM LIFE UNBEARABLE.! BUT BEST OF ALL I HAD BILL... THE ONLY MAN I COULD EVER LOVE!

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WHEN HE KISSED ME AND HIS ARMS HELD ME TIGHT, IT WAS HEAVEN! BUT WE WERE BOTH VERY YOUNG AND THIS WAS MY FIRST LOVE... MY FIRST KISS! HOW WAS I TO KNOW IF THIS WAS THE REAL THING... THE ONE LOVE THAT WOULD LAST UNTIL DEATH DO US PART? WAS IT LOVE IN CAPITAL LETTERS, OR WAS IT JUST...

INFATUATION!

TOMMY AND I HAD GONE OUT A FEW TIMES ON DATES WITH THE GANG, BUT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME WE WERE REALLY ALONE TOGETHER, AND BEFORE EITHER OF US KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED, WE WERE IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS, OUR LIPS MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME!

BEA, DARLING! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE KISSED A GIRL! I LOVE YOU!

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE KISSED A BOY, TOO... BUT IS IT LOVE, TOMMY?

IT MUST BE! YOU'RE ALL I THINK ABOUT! I CAN'T WALK STRAIGHT FROM THINKING OF YOU! IF THAT ISN'T LOVE, WHAT IS IT?

INFATUATION, TOMMY! WE'RE OVERWHELMED BECAUSE WE'VE KISSED FOR THE FIRST TIME, THAT'S ALL! IT CAN'T BE LOVE!

YOU'LL MEET OTHER GIRLS... AND I'LL MEET OTHER BOYS BEFORE WE *REALLY* FALL IN LOVE WITH ANYBODY! YOU'LL SEE!

BEA! WAIT! YOU'RE NOT FACING THE TRUTH! I'LL PROVE IT!

AND HE KISSED ME AGAIN! BUT I KNEW IT WASN'T TRUE LOVE BUT ONLY INFATUATION...

THEN I RUSHED INTO THE HOUSE, MY MIND IN A WHIRL! MY FACE FLUSHED WHEN I SAW THAT MOTHER WAS WAITING FOR ME...

MOTHER! YOU'RE NOT IN BED YET?

NO, BEA! I WAS WAITING FOR YOU! I...WELL, I *SAW* YOU AND TOMMY SAYING GOOD NIGHT!

OH, MOTHER! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH ME! I KNOW I'M *NOT* IN LOVE WITH TOMMY, AND YET I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BUT HIM!

AND JUST *HOW* DO YOU KNOW THAT ISN'T LOVE?

BECAUSE I'M TOO YOUNG TO BE IN LOVE! MOTHER, I'M ONLY NINETEEN! AND TOMMY'S THE FIRST BOY I'VE EVER KISSED! HOW DO I KNOW FOR SURE HE'S THE RIGHT ONE?

THERE ARE WAYS! FIRST TELL ME WHAT YOU FEEL ABOUT TOMMY!

OH, MOM! HE'S JUST WONDERFUL! BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN EXCEPT THAT HE AND I ARE INFATUATED WITH EACH OTHER! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO GO OUT WITH ANYONE ELSE...SO HOW ARE WE TO *KNOW* WE'RE IN LOVE?

COME, BEA, AND I'LL TELL YOU!

I KNEW A GIRL JUST LIKE YOU ONCE! YOU SEE, SHE HAD THE SAME IDEAS, FEELINGS AND EXPERIENCE THAT YOU HAD! DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT WOMAN?

OH, MOM! PLEASE TELL ME!

"WELL, SHE WAS VERY YOUNG AT THE TIME THIS HAPPENED, AND SHE FELL IN LOVE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER YOUNG LIFE..."

OH, BUDDY, THIS ISN'T RIGHT! PLEASE DON'T ASK ME TO MARRY YOU!

WHY NOT? YOU DON'T CARE FOR SOMEONE ELSE, DO YOU? WHY, I'M THE ONLY BOY YOU'VE EVER GONE OUT WITH!

THAT'S JUST THE IDEA, BUDDY! HOW DO I ***KNOW*** I LOVE YOU? I'VE NEVER GONE OUT WITH OTHER BOYS TO COMPARE YOU WITH THEM!

ALL RIGHT... IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL, I'LL GIVE YOU PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND.. I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR WHOLE LIFETIME! GOOD-BYE!

"WELL, THIS GIRL WENT OUT WITH OTHER BOYS AFTER SHE AND BUDDY BROKE OFF, AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED!

WELL, THANKS FOR A NICE EVENING, AND GOOD NIGHT, BUDDY!

MY NAME'S JERRY... NOT BUDDY! YOU'VE BEEN CALLING ME THAT ALL EVENING! GOOD NIGHT!

I'VE GONE OUT WITH LOTS OF BOYS, BUT ALL I THINK OF IS ***BUDDY!*** AND YET... I DON'T LOVE HIM... OR ***DO*** I?

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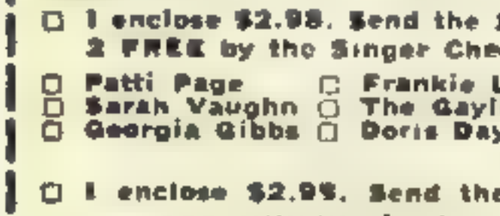

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YOU...YOU MEAN YOU *WILL* MARRY ME?

YES, DARLING! I CAN'T STAND BEING WITHOUT YOU! I GUESS *THAT'S* WHAT THEY MEAN BY A "TRUE LOVE"!

"AND WHEN THEY KISSED, THERE WAS NO MISTAKE IN THE GIRL'S MIND! THIS *WAS* WHERE SHE BELONGED..."

OH, MOM! A NICE STORY, BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW IF IT WORKED OUT ALL RIGHT?

I'M *SURE* IT DID! AND I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU! BUDDY, WILL YOU COME IN HERE A MINUTE?

"BUDDY"? WHY, YOU HAVEN'T CALLED ME THAT IN YEARS, DARLING!

MOTHER! FATHER! WHY... *YOU* WERE THE TWO YOU WERE TELLING ME ABOUT!

YES, DEAR!

YOU SEE, IF THE BOY IS ALL YOU CAN THINK OF, YOU'LL *NEVER* FORGET HIM! IT *CAN* BE THE TRUE THING...THE RIGHT THING, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO BE *SURE!*

BUT YOU AND DAD ARE THE HAPPIEST COUPLE I'VE EVER SEEN... THE PERFECT MARRIAGE! THANKS, FOLKS! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

I'LL GIVE YOU ONE GUESS AS TO WHERE I RUSHED! I RACED MY HEART TO THE MAN I *LOVED*...AND WILL *ALWAYS* LOVE, FOREVER!

The End

One more date

I KNEW WHAT THEY WERE SAYING ABOUT ME! IT WAS WRITTEN ON THEIR FACES! BUT I COULD NOT LET A LITTLE GOSSIP SPOIL MY PLANS!

ISN'T THAT A NEW MAN WITH PAT TONIGHT?

YES, IT IS... THE FOURTH MAN IN AS MANY WEEKS!

Anne Brewster

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LATER THAT NIGHT, IT WAS SAID TO MY FACE...,

PAT, DARLING, IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS BUT, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SETTLE ON SOMEONE? YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN THE CROWD WHO ISN'T GOING STEADY!

I KNOW!

FRANK AND I HAVE BEEN GOING STEADY FOR THREE MONTHS! IT'S THE *ONLY* WAY TO GET A PROPOSAL, YOU KNOW!

BUT, EVE, I'M HAVING FUN!

IN A WAY, I SUPPOSE IT WAS FUN! THERE WAS DANCING WITH PETER, AND SKIING WITH ALEC! I LOVED DINNER WITH ROGER, AND TEX WAS A WONDERFUL SKATER...

CAN I SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT, PAT?

NO, NOT TOMORROW, TEX... I HAVE A DATE!

THEN NEXT SATURDAY FOR DINNER?

ALL RIGHT, TEX! GOOD NIGHT... IT'S BEEN LOADS OF FUN!

WHO WAS IT TONIGHT?

TEX!

LIKE HIM?

HE'S LOTS OF FUN, AND A MARVELOUS SKATER! I COULD GO ON SKATING FOR HOURS WITH HIM!

PAT, YOU'RE GETTING A TERRIBLE REPUTATION! YOU TAKE UP WITH A FELLOW, THEN DROP HIM! DON'T YOU EVER WANT TO MARRY? GUYS WILL GET TO THINK YOU'RE JUST PLAIN *FLIGHTY*, AND THAT YOU'LL NEVER WANT TO SETTLE DOWN!

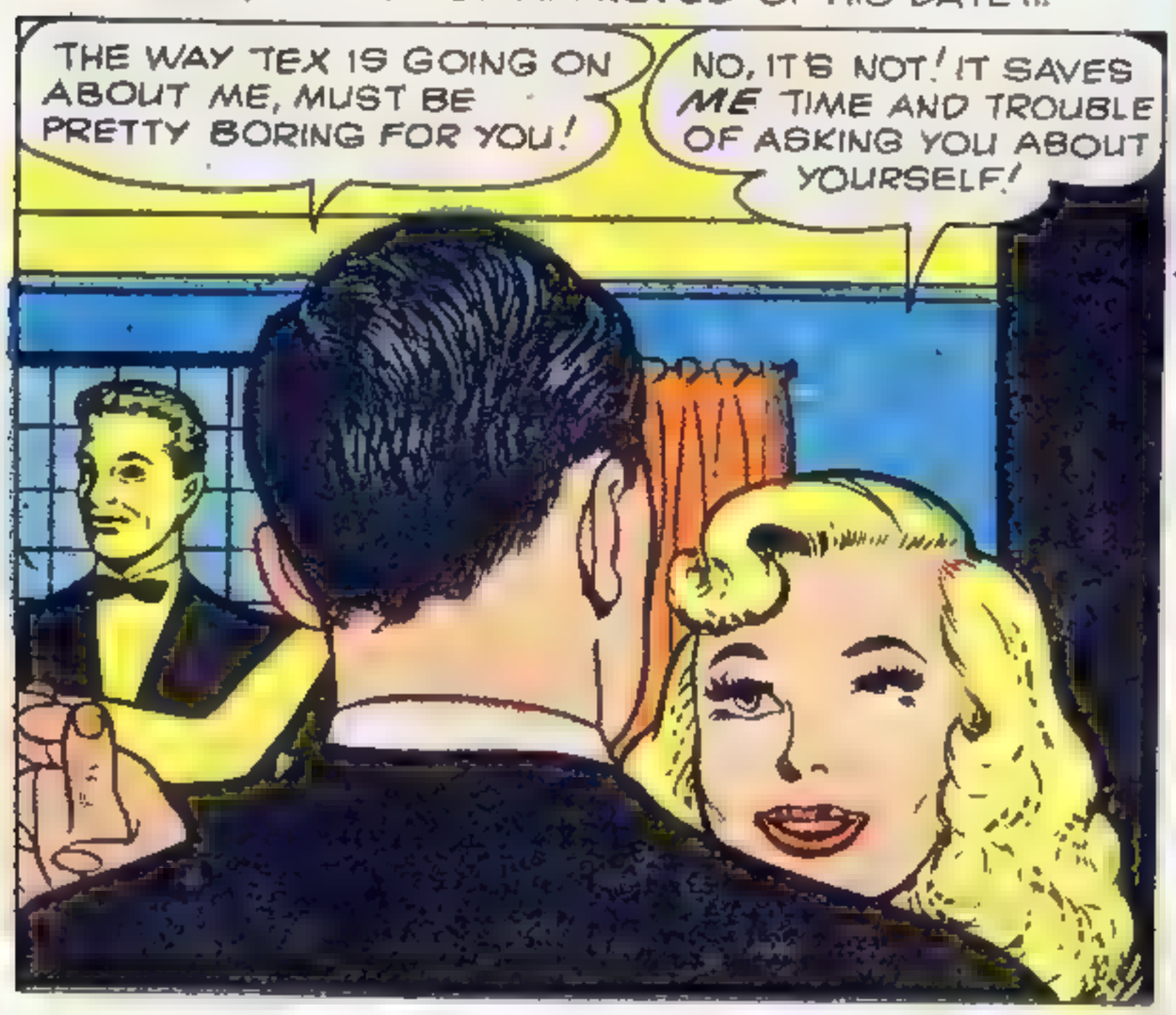
OF COURSE I WANT TO GET MARRIED, LISA... BUT I'M *NOT* GOING TO MARRY TEX, SO STOP PUSHING ME!

I COULDN'T EVEN EXPLAIN TO LISA' I HAD MY DATE WITH TEX THAT SATURDAY NIGHT, BUT BY THE MIDDLE OF DINNER, I HAD A BRAND-NEW INTEREST...

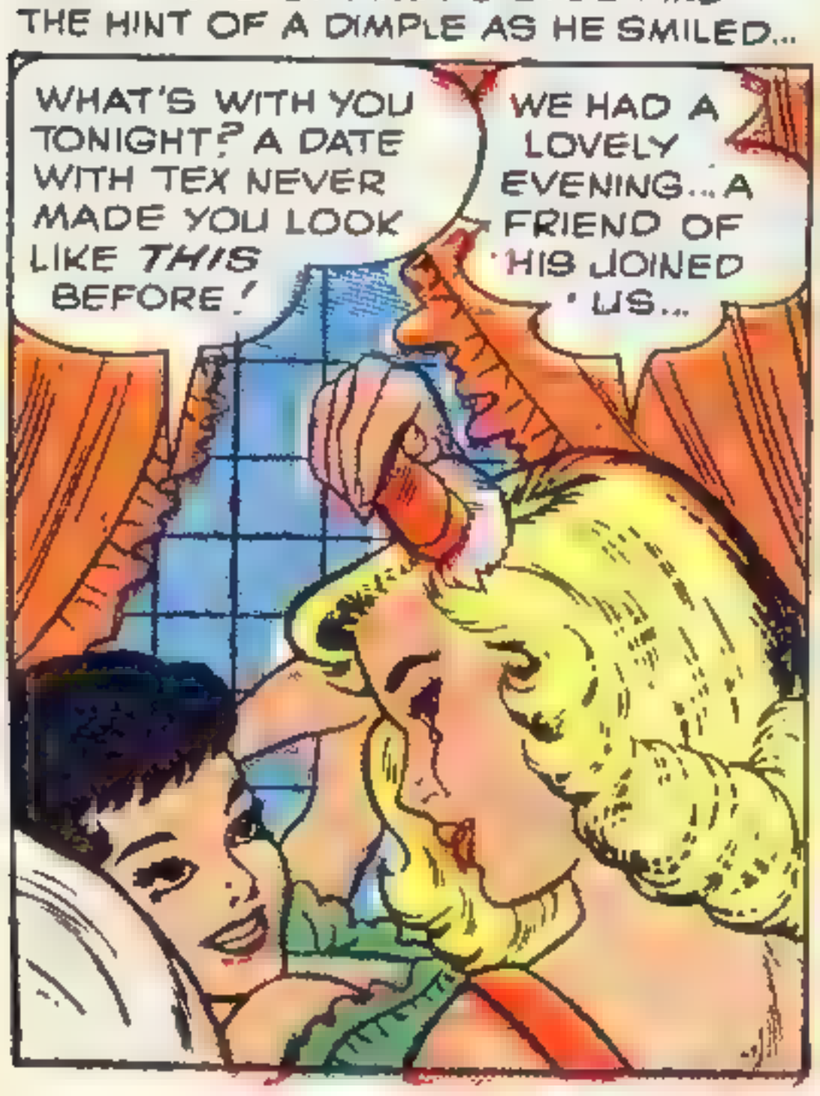
THERE WAS A WARMTH TO HIS VOICE, AND A SHYNESS IN HIS SMILE THAT MADE ME FORGET EVERYTHING IN THE ROOM..

I GOT OUT OF THE SERVICE A MONTH AGO, AND THAT'S MY LIFE STORY TO DATE'
PAT, YOU KNOW ANDY WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST "ENDS" STATE UNIVERSITY EVER HAD'

ANDY STOOD THE HERO WORSHIP AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.. THEN HE ASKED ME FOR A DANCE' EVEN THAT PLEASED TEX, AS IF ANDY APPROVED OF HIS DATE...


THE WAY TEX IS GOING ON ABOUT ME, MUST BE PRETTY BORING FOR YOU!
NO, IT'S NOT! IT SAVES ME TIME AND TROUBLE OF ASKING YOU ABOUT YOURSELF!

TEX TOOK ME HOME, BUT ALL I REMEMBERED OF THAT EVENING WAS THE DEEP BLUE OF ANDY'S EYES AND THE HINT OF A DIMPLE AS HE SMILED...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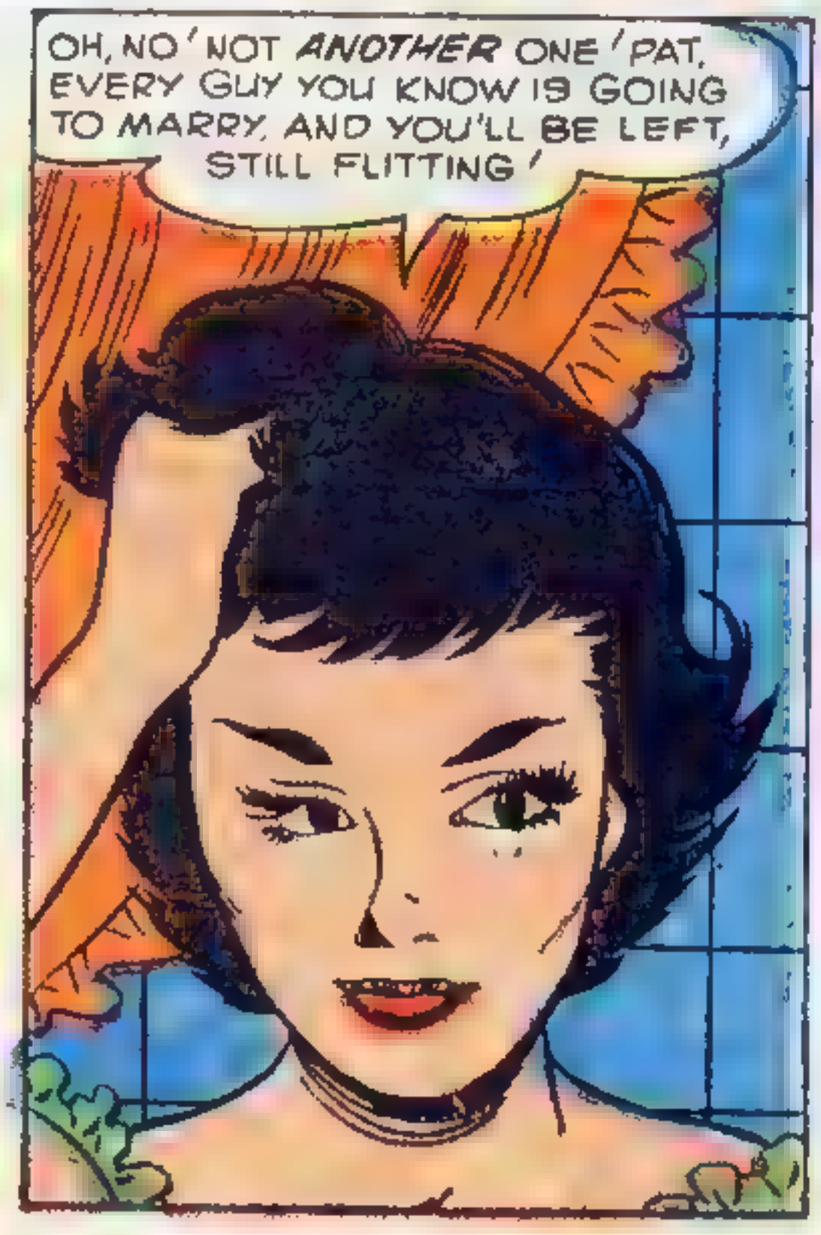
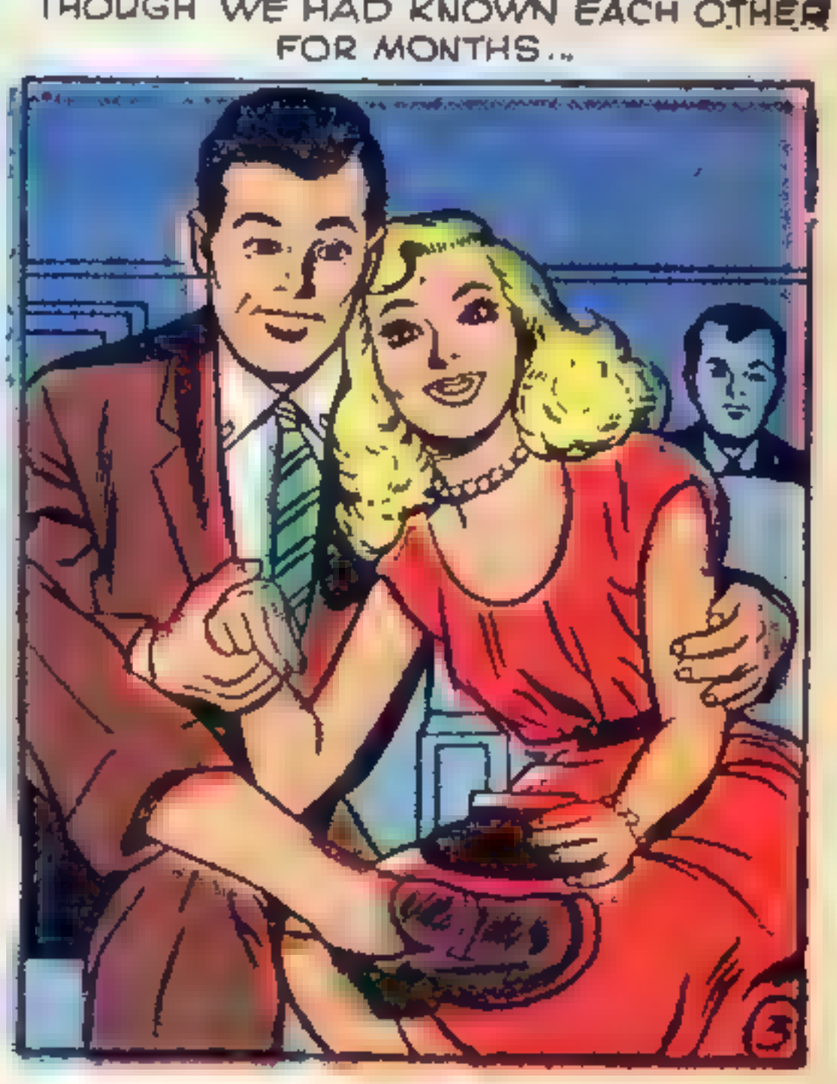
WE HAD A LOVELY EVENING... A FRIEND OF HIS JOINED US...



WHEN ANDY CALLED FOR A DATE, I ACCEPTED READILY' WE WENT TO A MOVIE, AND HE HELD MY HAND AS THOUGH WE HAD KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR MONTHS..



FROM THAT NIGHT ON, MY HEART WAS CAPTURED! I WANTED NO PART OF A DATE WITH ANYONE ELSE! AND EVERY DATE WITH THE SHY-VOICED, BLUE-EYED ANDY BLAKE WAS A TRIP TO HEAVEN...

THEN ONE NIGHT, I SENSED AN UNEASINESS ABOUT ANDY! FOR A MOMENT, I WONDERED IF MY REPUTATION WAS GOING TO STOP THE WORDS I SO DESPERATELY WANTED TO HEAR...

PAT, A MONTH ISN'T A LONG TIME TO DATE SOMEONE, AND I'M SURE YOU HAVE LOTS OF OTHER DATES!

I DID, ANDY!

WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS, WOULD YOU EVER CONSIDER MARRYING ME?

ANDY, I'D LOVE TO MARRY YOU!

HIS ARM WENT AROUND ME, AND HIS LIPS CLOSED ON MINE! THIS WAS THE MOMENT I HAD DREAMED OF SINCE ANDY FIRST CAME INTO MY LIFE...

'WHEN I GOT HOME LATER, I WOKE LISA TO TELL HER MY NEWS...

AND WE'RE GOING TO BE *MARRIED!*

WHAT ON EARTH MADE YOU DECIDE? YOU HAD SO MANY OTHER MEN TO CHOOSE FROM'

YOU SEE, LISA... I NEEDED TO PLAY THE FIELD' I *WANTED* TO DATE LOTS OF FELLOWS' I WANTED TO BE *SURE* WHEN I MET THE RIGHT ONE, THAT I'D *KNOW HE* WAS THE *ONE* ABOVE ALL OTHERS' I'VE *FOUND* MY LOVE IN ANDY'

AND SO WE WERE MARRIED, AND AS THEY SAY IN STORY BOOKS, WE LOOKED FORWARD TO "LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER"!

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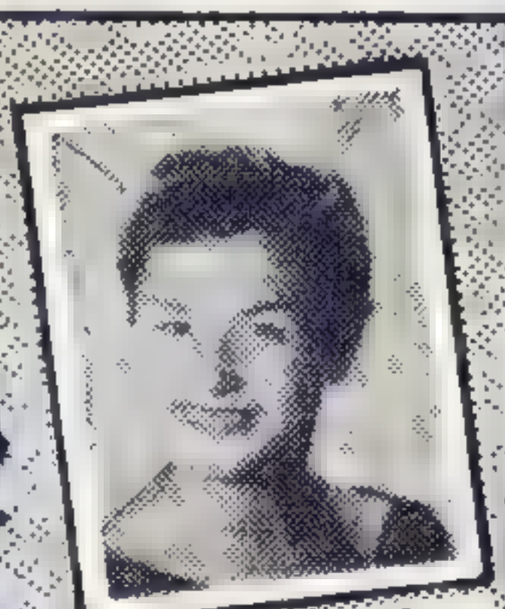

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me than just chatting with the girls and getting a sun tan."

The popcorn had run out and he threw away the box and began putting on his shoes. He laced them studiously. When he had finished, he sat and stared off across the water. I looked, too, past the fringe line of bathers and beyond the foamy on-coming waves. It seemed dreamy and peaceful.

"I guess it's rather special to me, too," he reflected.

We sat a while longer watching some children playing in the waves. Then the young man looked at his watch.

"Oh—oh, I'm going to be late if I don't get a move on," he said.

When he got up I first realized how tall he was. Quickly, he rolled up the slim mat and tucked it under his arm. Ready to leave, he looked down at me and smiled.

"Thank you for sharing the popcorn," he said.

As he walked away, I realized he had never asked for my name, and somehow I wished he had. I would have liked seeing him again, and knowing I wouldn't, gave me a sudden feeling of loneliness.

I looked at the empty area where his mat had been and saw something half buried in the sand. When I pulled it out, I discovered it was his wallet. My spirits soared. Inside the wallet would be some means of identification, and perhaps I would be seeing him again, after all!

But in the next instant I was holding my breath. The wallet contained nothing but *hundred dollar bills!* Quickly I snatched up my beach bag and using it to conceal the wallet, I began to count the money. It didn't seem possible, but there was nearly *three thousand dollars!*

My head spun so fast I had to close my eyes. It was like a wish come true! Here in my hands was what I needed to make my dream a reality! There was just enough to make a down payment on the dream cottage that was waiting somewhere for me. I could see it clearly, standing beneath the pines, sheltered from the wind, while from the porch I could look out straight across the beach to the ocean. Then I cut myself short. This was *ridiculous!* I would have to

locate the young man somehow and return his wallet to him.

As I opened my eyes, I saw the young man already standing before me.

"Hi," he said, smiling. "You know, I got clear to the pavilion before it dawned on me that I forgot to ask you for your name!"

Then it wasn't the money that had brought him back, I thought . . . but *me!* I held out my hand with the wallet.

"I found this in the sand," I said.

"Jumping catfish!" he exclaimed with recognition. "I guess this must be my lucky day."

"You should be more careful," I scolded.

"You're right," he grinned. "It's certainly wonderful for me that I met you or I'd have to tell that real estate agent that I can't buy the house, after all."

"House?" I repeated.

"Well, it's only a small one, but a beauty," he added. "It's on a quiet inlet a few miles from here, with a beautiful view of the ocean."

My heart seemed to do a handspring.

"Now, young lady," he said, "would you mind telling me your name?"

"Sally," I smiled. "And yours?"

"Ken," he replied, laughing.

For a moment we looked at each other and I could see his eyes. They were bright, steady and clear.

"Do you like houses near the ocean?" he asked.

"I adore them," I replied.

"That's wonderful," he began. "Look," he continued, "would you like seeing mine? I was just on my way to meet the agent and you're more than welcome to come along."

"I'd love to," I answered eagerly. "I'll change up at the beachhouse and be ready in no time."

"Good," he replied. And together we rolled up my beach things. My heart was beating happily. Then he slipped his arm in mine and as we walked off, the image of my dream cottage became all the more clear. Somehow I sensed it was coming true and in the most wondrous way imaginable!

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YES, IT WAS A LONELY LIFE, BUT NOT WITHOUT ITS OWN REWARDS! AT NIGHT HOWEVER, IN THE WORLD OF DREAMS, I FOUND ESCAPE, EXPERIENCING THOSE LOVELY MOMENTS I COULD NEVER HOPE TO KNOW...

THE MOOD WAS ALWAYS A ROMANTIC ONE, THE MAN HANDSOME, AND HIS KISS SO TENDER...

BUT ONE DAY WHILE ON DUTY SOMETHING HAPPENED... SOMETHING THAT WAS TO CHANGE MY ENTIRE LIFE...

AN ACCIDENT CASE, CAROL! DOCTOR BALLARD WANTS YOU IN EMERGENCY IMMEDIATELY!

I'M ON MY WAY!

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO OPERATE AND I'D LIKE YOUR ASSISTANCE! WILL YOU NOTIFY SURGERY PLEASE!

YES, DOCTOR... AT ONCE!

DOCTOR BALLARD PERFORMED BRILLIANTLY, AND WHEN HE REQUESTED I STAY WITH THE PATIENT THAT FIRST NIGHT, I WAS MORE THAN WILLING...

THE LIGHTS...TAKE THEM AWAY! PLEASE TAKE THEM AWAY!

IT'S THE FEVER! HE'S STILL DELIRIOUS!

DON'T GO AWAY! DON'T LEAVE ME... PLEASE!

I WON'T! I PROMISE!

THE CRISIS CAME AND WENT! TWO WEEKS LATER, BRUCE LANDON WAS WELL ON HIS WAY TO RECOVERY...

YOU'RE LOOKING WONDERFUL THIS MORNING!

IF I DO, IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF A CERTAIN WONDERFUL NURSE!

I MEAN THAT, CAROL! I NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU! EVEN DOCTOR BALLARD SAID YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT!

DOCTOR BALLARD IS A FLATTERER... REALLY!

BUT AS I TURNED AWAY THERE WAS NO DENYING THE SUDDEN BEATING OF MY HEART! IT HAPPENED ALL THE TIME NOW...WHENEVER I WAS NEAR BRUCE...

AS BRUCE'S STRENGTH RETURNED HE WAS ABLE TO SPEND MORE TIME OUT OF HIS ROOM, AND I WOULD MANAGE TO SEE HIM AT LEAST ONCE A DAY...

I NEVER FELT THIS WAY BEFORE, ABOUT ANYONE! COULD IT BE I'M FALLING IN LOVE?

I MISSED YOU, CAROL! I EXPECTED YOU ALL MORNING!

BUT YOU'RE GETTING WELL, AND THERE ARE OTHER PATIENTS!

AM I JUST ANOTHER PATIENT? LISTEN, CAROL, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST SAY!

YOU'RE UPSETTING YOURSELF, BRUCE! THE ONE THING DOCTOR BALLARD SAID YOU MUSTN'T DO!

I'LL COME BY AND SEE YOU THE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING! HOW'S THAT?

OF COURSE...SEE YOU IN THE MORNING!

THAT NIGHT I COULDN'T SLEEP, AND ONE THOUGHT WAS UPPERMOST...

I'M SURE I DO LOVE HIM, AND YET I'M AFRAID! I COULDN'T LET HIM SPEAK THIS AFTERNOON! HE HAS COME TO RELY ON ME, BUT IS IT LOVE?

THEN TWO WEEKS LATER, BRUCE WAS READY TO LEAVE.

WE'RE ALL PROUD OF YOUR RECOVERY! YOU WERE A WONDERFUL PATIENT!

YOU'RE NOT SAYING WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART, CAROL! YOU'RE JUST SAYING WORDS!

I LOVE YOU, CAROL!

IT ISN'T SO, BRUCE! IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE HOW YOU FEEL! MANY PATIENTS EXPERIENCE THE SAME FEELINGS TOWARD THEIR NURSE AFTER A LONG ILLNESS! IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME!

YOU'LL GET OVER IT SOON ENOUGH! YOU'LL SEE, TIME WILL PROVE ME RIGHT!

NOTHING MORE WAS SAID, AND THEN HE WAS GONE... WALKING OUT OF MY LIFE FOREVER...

GOOD-BYE, MY DARLING! WILL I EVER FORGET YOU?

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MY PROFESSION HAS TAUGHT ME TO FACE REALITY! IN MY WORLD THERE IS ONLY ROOM FOR WORK... NOTHING ELSE! HE WILL FORGET... AND SO MUST I!

A MONTH PASSED, BUT I *DIDN'T* FORGET! HIS FACE, HIS VOICE WAS AS CLOSE AS THEY EVER WERE...

SENDING HIM AWAY WAS THE RIGHT THING! HE'S FORGOTTEN ME BY NOW! HE'S BACK IN HIS OWN WORLD WHERE HE BELONGS!

BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT I HAD COME TO A HALT, TOO OVERWHELMED TO SPEAK...

CAROL! I HAD TO SEE YOU!

IT WASN'T LIKE YOU SAID! I DIDN'T FORGET! AT FIRST I THOUGHT YOU WERE RIGHT, THAT I FELT EMOTIONALLY INDEBTED TO YOU, BUT THAT *ISN'T* IT! I COULDN'T PUT YOU OUT OF MY MIND!

OH, BRUCE!

HE DREW ME CLOSE AND OUR LIPS MET! THERE WAS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND NOW ABOUT HIS LOVING ME...

YOU *WILL* MARRY ME... WON'T YOU CAROL?

OF COURSE, DARLING! WHENEVER YOU SAY!

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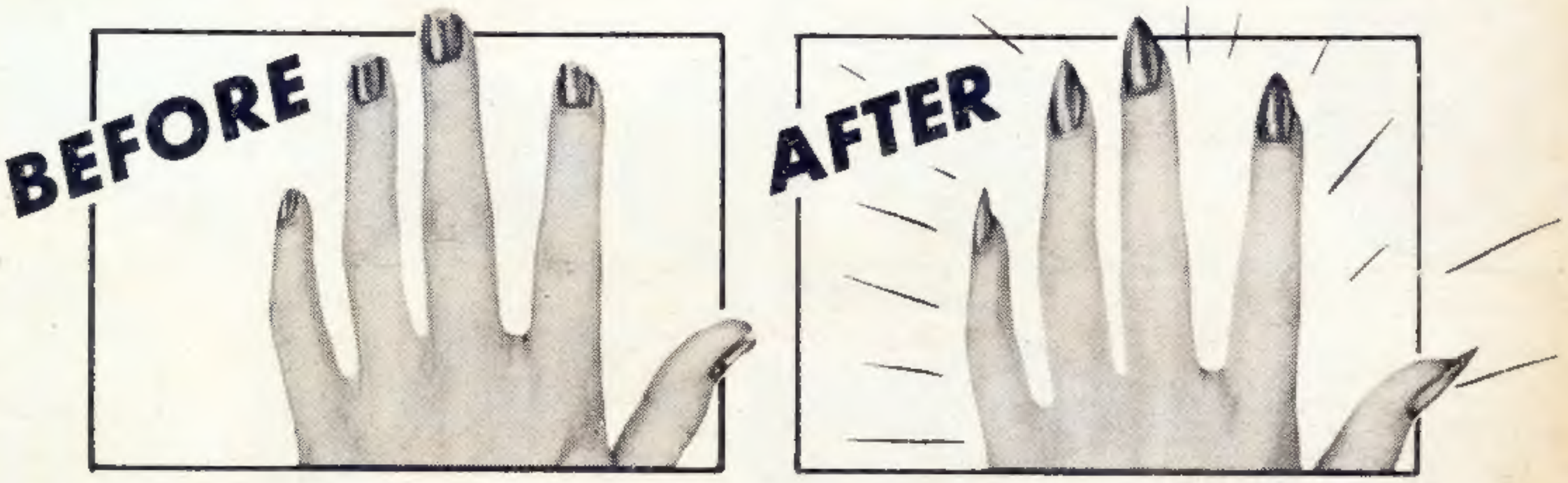

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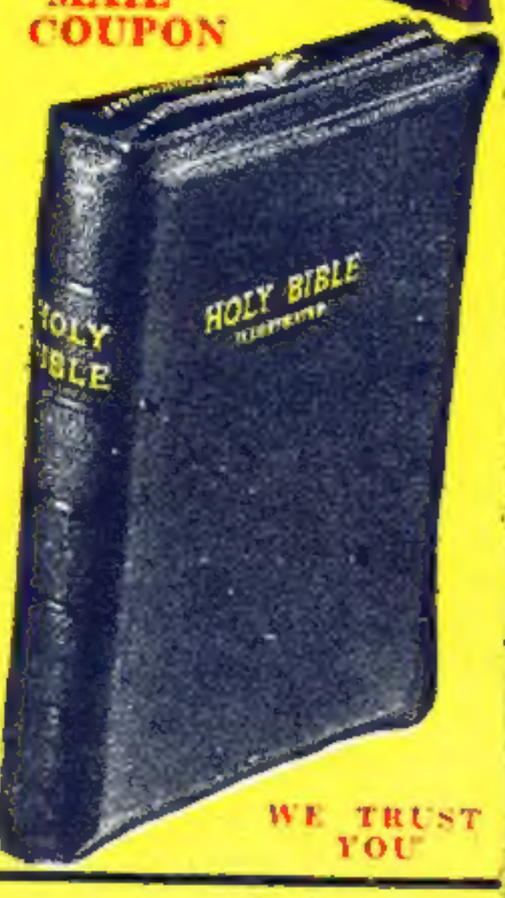

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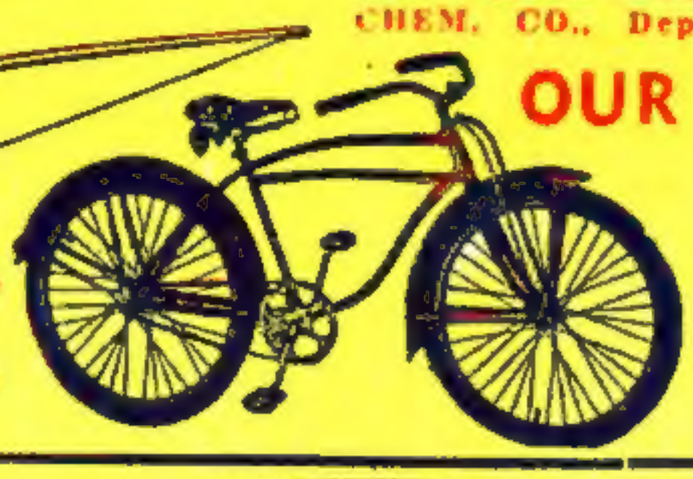

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